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## AT HOME AND ABROAD

A Review and Interpretation of  
Current Events as Seen by  
G. W. PASCHAL.

**THE PEACE TREATY** On Monday, June 23, the German Government announced its willingness to sign the peace treaty unconditionally after the Council of Three refused a request for a delay of 48 hours. On the same day it was reported at Paris that Italy would sign. This means that the treaty will already be in effect before this appears in print. Early last week it became known in Germany that the German delegates headed by Brockdorff-Rantzau would not sign the treaty and that the German cabinet was also opposed to signing. But the peace sentiment in Germany was so strong that it resulted in the overthrow of the cabinet on last Friday. On the next day a new German cabinet was formed under the premiership of Herr Bauer, with Dr. Herman Muller as Minister of Foreign Affairs. This was known to be a peace cabinet. It sought for certain modifications of the treaty, but none was granted. But the Allies on last Sunday added a protocol in explanation of six points of the treaty, the general tenor of which was assuring to the Germans of the purpose of the Allies to act with consideration and justice. On Sunday the German National Assembly by a vote of 236 to 59 decided to sign, while 68 members did not vote. Herr Bauer, the new premier, said that in signing the treaty the Government did not acknowledge the responsibility of the German people for the war, nor accept as just, the demand of the Allies for the trial of the Kaiser and other Germans. But at last the head of the German Government acknowledges helplessness defeat. Standing before the assembly he says:

"At this hour of life and death, under the menace of invasion, for the last time I raise in free Germany a protest against this treaty of violence and destruction. I protest against this mockery of self-determination, this enslavement of the German people, this new menace to the peace of the world under the mask of a treaty of peace. No signing can enfeeble this protest which we raise and swear to. This treaty does not lose its annihilating character by alterations in detail. Protesting against it is useless and is at the risk of a new crisis within 48 hours. "Our power of resistance is broken and there is no means of averting this treaty. The treaty itself, however, does give us a handle which we can not allow to be wrested from us, namely, the Entente's solemn promise of June 16, that the treaty can be revised from time to time and adapted to new conditions. That is one of the few words in the treaty breathing the real spirit of peace."

**SINKING THE GERMAN FLEET** The German crews of the German war vessels interned at Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands under the terms of the armistice, sank almost the entire fleet by opening the sea cocks of the vessels. Every big ship except one and most of the lighter vessels were sunk. The crews took to boats but were taken into custody by the British naval vessels in the harbor. Of course the reason for this action of the Germans was to keep their vessels from coming into the hands of the allies. It means that the reparation bill of the German people will be bigger. On the other hand it solves once for all the question of the disposition to be made of the German warships. There have always been those who advocated that they be sunk. These men must be extremely delighted. But to me this allowing the Germans to sink those ships is exasperating. It is somebody's fault.

**THE KAISER** One reason that the first German delegation refused to sign the treaty was that they did not want to consent to the trial of the Kaiser and the others whose names are to be presented by the Allies. It has been hard for the Germans to realize that the world has come to a point where those guilty of "a supreme offense against international morality, the sanctity of treaties and the essential rules of justice," must appear before a tribunal and answer for their crimes. This is right. It will make the Kaiser realize that after all he is only a man, and perhaps only a monstrous criminal, and not a special partner of God to rule the common herd. It will further be a warning to any others who may hereafter be tempted to violate the fundamental laws of mankind and start a war of conquest. They will also learn that detestable cruelties such as those practiced on the Belgians and Miss Cavell are not safe even for those who seem to have grown strong through sin. For "Evil Incarnate is held at last to answer to mankind," as Kipling says.

**THE SENATE AND THE TREATY** It needed only a little discussion before the country to convince Senators Borah, Knox and Lodge, that the Senate must not dare pass the Knox resolution notifying the Peace Conference that the United States Senate would not ratify the treaty. It is now evident that the Knox resolution will never be brought to a vote. In fact as the treaty is already accepted by Germany it seems to be too late for it. Now Mr. Elihu Root comes forward with a proposition that the Senate ratify the covenant of the League of Nations but with certain modifications. He would have the United States declare that it must have the right of withdrawing from the League without giving the two years' notice provided in the covenant. He also wants a statement as to our independence in domestic problems and some further declaration in regard to the Monroe Doctrine. It is not probable that Mr. Root's proposition will be more welcome to our people than the Knox resolution. They will expect the Senate to ratify the treaty covenant and all at the earliest possible moment and will not be patient under delays and quibbling for political advantage. Some of the Senators who oppose the treaty say they will take the field and make speeches in opposition to President Wilson's proposed speeches in

favor of the treaty. If they do they will soon learn what a miserable part they are playing in the eyes of the American people, for we expect them to be hissed by every audience they address.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** Congress has responded to the general demand and repealed the daylight Savings Law, to go into effect on October 30. It is doubtful if the law ever did as much good as it has done harm. It did give an opportunity to many dwellers in cities to have more hours of sunshine in which to play golf in the afternoon but that talk about its giving time for more work in gardens was all fool-deol. There were more gardens planted last year than ever before, but also more given up to grass, for the new gardener did not find it so pleasant to work in the full glare of the mid-summer afternoon sun. Industry especially agriculture, was much deranged. Now thanks be to Heaven we are to go back to the old schedule never again to be put out of it.

**OUR SHIPS** The Government Shipping Board has built or is building 2,434 vessels, aggregating 9,257,000 gross tons, at a cost of \$2,861,755,570. It is now announced that the Government is to discontinue shipbuilding. It will have to make some disposition of the vessels, either operate them, or sell them. The general trend of opinion is that they should be sold and operated privately. The hope is that the United States may have a strong merchant marine. If this is to be realized, new and more liberal navigation laws must be enacted, and the merchant marine must be popularized. Every considerable port in the country must have its lines of vessels engaged in foreign trade. The Federal government is showing a willingness to cooperate in effecting this.

**OUR RETURN-** Our men coming back from France come almost universally with the conviction that the United States is the best country in the world. They have seen something of the social life of France and have learned that with all its restrictions of woman's freedom it does not produce the strong, pure type of womanhood found in this country. They have also seen the wrecks of womanhood produced by the privations of war, the swarms of poor, dissolute women around the camps, and these soldiers on this account have learned to hate war with a more deadly hatred. They have seen the greed of the impoverished French people, which greed is in part at least a war product, and in many instances they have thought this greed normal with Frenchmen. This has given them contempt for French character which is not deserved. But withal these soldiers are coming home better men than they went out. They have seen the results of impurity in their own comrades, perhaps and are coming home to live pure lives. These three million men are henceforth to be a powerful influence in our political and social life. They may soon be effecting some revolutions, for they have learned to think and to do.

**SAMUEL GOMPERS** Again the American Federation of Labor has re-elected Mr. Samuel Gompers president. It was Mr. Gompers' program that the meeting at Atlantic City has put through, his program with regard to prohibition, the Bolsheviks, the Peace treaty, and all. One trait of Mr. Gompers is especially noticeable and that is his uncompromising, patriotic Americanism. Just because of this and his unyielding insistence of the rights of the laboring man, this big-headed, five-foot man, is overwhelmingly supported by the American Federation of Labor. The country can never forget that to Mr. Gompers is due much of the credit for winning the war. He kept labor loyal and efficient. President Wilson had the discretion to recognize his good qualities and to court his friendship and President Wilson protected Mr. Gompers. When the New York Nation criticized President Wilson nothing was said, but when it mildly censured Mr. Gompers, paper containing the editorial. And the use of the mails was denied to the yet some people think Mr. Wilson is no politician. At least he recognizes a good thing when he sees it, and he must be pleased now that Mr. Gompers is again elected head of the Federation of Labor.

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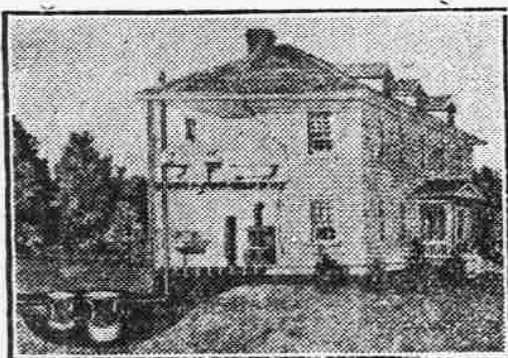
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The following resolution was passed at the said joint meeting. Resolved that Both Boards meet in joint session 1st Monday in July, at that time make the appointment and fix the salary and expenses of County Supt. of Welfare, and in the mean time give the matter publicity.

Several suggestions have been heard relative to combining the office of Supt. of Welfare with the office of Supt. of Public Instruction and the employing of a Rural Supervisor of schools to assist the County Supt. of Public Instruction.

As this matter is of vital interest both to the Taxpayer and the patrons of our Public school system, I feel it my duty to make this publication, so as to acquaint the PUBLIC with the matter, and to cordially invite every taxpayer and public school patron to be present at this joint meeting of the two Boards at which time thorough public discussion of the question will be had.

Meeting at County Court House 10.30 A. M. Monday, July 7th, 1919. Come give us the support of your presence and the strength of your council.

W. J. TATE  
Chm. Board Education of Currituck Co.

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